

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I emphatically endorse **HB 5054, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence**; Having sworn police officers be present at service of temporary restraining orders; if requested by the marshal making service; and removing firearms from subjects of temporary restraining orders pending a hearing to take place no more than 14 days later. This Bill provides safety measures necessary for victims of domestic abuse.

I emphatically endorse **SB 429, An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders**; This bill will allow that at the request of the applicant of the restraining order that a sworn police officer make service of the order. This a safe and common sense measure.

I oppose **Bill HB 5597** because it sets into motion the risk warrant process if a restraining order indicates that the subject is considered a danger to the applicant. The risk warrant process, while effective and well intentioned, does not serve the needs of many domestic violence victims.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

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